



1 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 88

2 WHEREAS, The Illinois higher education system is comprised
3 of three main sectors that are each vital to the education,
4 training, and economic vitality of our State; and

5 WHEREAS, The State's higher education system includes 9
6 public universities on 12 campuses, 48 community colleges, 94
7 independent, not-for-profit colleges and universities, and 30
8 independent, for-profit institutions, which are each important
9 to the citizens of Illinois; and

10 WHEREAS, The State has a vested interest in seeing the
11 continuing development of collaborations between institutions
12 of higher learning and between the sectors in the higher
13 education system; and

14 WHEREAS, Higher education institutions are good employers
15 and are also vital contributors to many local economies across
16 the State; and

17 WHEREAS, Community colleges and bachelor's degree-granting
18 institutions often form collaborative, bachelor's
19 degree-completion arrangements to deliver upper-level courses
20 on the community college campuses; and

21 WHEREAS, Community colleges have on occasion formed
22 partnerships with public and private colleges and universities
23 that are from another state; and

24 WHEREAS, The State of Illinois will benefit from the
25 continued success and growth of Illinois institutions of higher
26 education; therefore, be it

27 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-FOURTH GENERAL
28 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

1 CONCURRING HEREIN, that we urge the Board of Higher Education
2 to strongly encourage community colleges seeking
3 baccalaureate-completion partnerships to give preference to
4 Illinois-based private and public institutions as partners,
5 when possible, and to promote those community colleges that
6 give this preference; and be it further

7 RESOLVED, That we direct the Board of Higher Education to
8 conduct an inventory of baccalaureate-completion programs and
9 partnerships between community colleges and public and
10 private, in-state and out-of-state institutions and report its
11 findings to the Higher Education Committees of the Senate and
12 the House of Representatives on or before December 31, 2006;
13 and be it further

14 RESOLVED, That we urge the Illinois Community College Board
15 (ICCB) to review its policies and guidelines for Illinois
16 community colleges that are seeking four-year institutions as
17 degree-completion partners, with regard to preferences for
18 Illinois-based institutions, and we urge the ICCB to create
19 guidelines that will guide community colleges to seek
20 Illinois-based institutions as bachelor's degree partners,
21 when possible; and be it further

22 RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be
23 delivered to the members of the Board of Higher Education and
24 the Illinois Community College Board.